(b) The Office of Policy is the Finance Board's primary liaison with the Banks' Chief Financial Officers concerning financial management issues, the Banks' Community Investment Officers concerning community and economic development, the Banks' Advisory Councils concerning Bank System support of affordable housing, and the Bank System's fiscal agent, the Office of Finance. It prepares the annual reports to Congress and to the Banks' Advisory Councils concerning Bank System support for low-income housing and community development.

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§ 905.14 Office of Supervision.

The Office of Supervision oversees the Banks, the Office of Finance and the Financing Corporation to ensure that they operate in a financially safe and sound manner, that the Banks are carrying out their housing and community and economic development finance mission and are in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, as well as Finance Board policies and orders. The responsibilities of the Office of Supervision include:

- (a) The conduct of examinations, at least annually, of the Banks, the Office of Finance and the Financing Corporation and the furnishing of reports thereon to the Chairpersons of their Boards of Directors;
- (b) The follow-up and resolution of outstanding examination issues;
- (c) Liaison with each Bank's audit committee and the review and evaluation of the work of each Bank's internal audit staff;
- (d) The monitoring of Bank and Bank System interest rate risk, financial trends and mission-related activities; and
- (e) The review of Community Support Statements of Bank System members.

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§ 905.15 Office of General Counsel.

The General Counsel is the chief legal officer of the Finance Board. The Office of General Counsel provides advice to the Board of Directors, the Chairperson, and other Finance Board officials, on interpretations of statutes and regulations. The Office of General Counsel prepares all legal documents on behalf of the Finance Board and prepares opinions, regulations, and memoranda of law. It represents the Finance Board in all administrative adjudicatory proceedings before the Board of Directors. The Chairman appoints the Finance Board's Designated Agency Ethics Official from the staff of the Office of General Counsel.

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§ 905.16 Office of Inspector General.

The Inspector General is subject to. and operates under, the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 3). The Inspector General reports to and is under the general supervision of the Chairperson. The Inspector General's responsibilities under the Inspector General Act include providing policy direction for, and conducting, supervising, and coordinating audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Finance Board, and recommending policies for promoting economy and efficiency in the administration of, or preventing and detecting fraud and abuse in, the Finance Board's programs and operations. The Inspector General prepares and furnishes to the Chairman for transmittal to the Congress semiannual reports on the activities of the Office of Inspector Gen-

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§ 905.17 Office of Congressional Affairs.

The Office of Congressional Affairs is responsible for ensuring the effective coordination and communication with the Congress and interest groups, and for briefing the Chairperson, the other Directors, and the Managing Director, on legislative issues before Congress pertaining to the Finance Board, the Bank System, and the Financing Corporation.

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§ 905.18 Office of Public Affairs.

The Office of Public Affairs is responsible for the dissemination of information about the Finance Board to the public and the news media. The Office